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PRESS RELEASE

Colm F. Connolly, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, announced today that William Daisey, age 53 of Milton, Delaware, entered a guilty plea in U.S. District Court, before the Honorable Sue L. Robinson, to a violation of the Clean Water Act. The offense carries a maximum penalty of three years incarceration and a \$250,000 fine.

Daisey, the former Chief of Operations for DNREC's Division of Soil and Water Conservation program, located in Lewes and which dredges the State's waterways and replenishes its beaches, caused DNREC employees in 2000 and 2001 to discharge oil-contaminated water into wetlands.

The guilty plea terminates the federal investigation.

The case was investigated by special agents of the Environmental Protection Agency, with the cooperation of DNREC. For further information please contact Assistant United States Attorney Edmond Falgowski at 573-6277, ext. 122.

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